

North Carolina

New Hanover, County

In the name of God Amen.

I Alexander Colvin of the Province and County aforesaid, Planter, being weak in body, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for his mercy, calling to mind that it is appointed for all mankind once to die, do make, constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say First of all, I bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God, and touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I will and bequeath them in the following manner and form, my just and lawful debts and funeral charges first being paid, By my Executors. I give and bequeath unto my loving son John Colvin three negroes named Wally, Tom and Betty, to him his heirs and assigns Stead. I give, bequeath and devise unto John Colvin my grand son, and Jane and Mary Colvin my grand daughters a negro woman named Litoria and her three children Kelly, Quash and Susan, with all her and their increase, to be equally divided in three shares betwixt them and their heirs or assigns forever, Stead. I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Jane McAllister and the heirs of her body, Exceuborough, Mary, Harriet, Glasgow, Betty, Mary's daughter, Primm and Sabina, in all seven negroes old and young, Stead. I give, devise and bequeath unto my grand daughter Margaret Stewart a negro woman named Moll, to her and her heirs forever, also I give and bequeath unto my grand son Patrick Stewart, a negroe boy named Billy, Stead. I give and bequeath unto my grand son Alexander, Stewart the sum of sixty pounds proclamation money, Stead. I give and bequeath unto William Stewart the sum of one shilling sterling, for and in consideration of his wife Catharine Stewart's portion and dowry. Also I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Margaret Stewart before mentioned, six cows and calves, at the division of my estate, Also I give and bequeath unto my son John Colvin and my daughter, Jane McAllister, all the remainder of my stock, in cattle to be equally divided between them, Stead. I give and bequeath unto my nephew Patrick McHenry the sum of twenty pounds proclamation money, I also will and devise that my loving wife Margaret Colvin,

with my son John Colvin I make and constitute the sole Executors
of this my last Will and Testament, shall have the full possession
of my whole estate, without any division or alteration of property
of any part or parcel thereof during her natural life, and also that
my son John Colvin may have the whole management of my estate
and be in like possession with my wife during her natural life.
After which time I will that all my lands and Tenements with
all the remainder of my estate private and personal together
with all Bills, Bonds, Notes of hand and Debts, to me in any
wise belonging to me, requiring and desiring my said Executors
to see this my last Will and Testament duly executed, revoking and
disannulling all other Wills by me in any wise made, written or
verbal, publishing and declaring this only to be my last Will
and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and seventy two. 1772

Signed, sealed, published and
declared, in the presence of us,
who in his presence, and in the
presence of each of us, have
hereunto subscribed our names:

Duncan McCallister,
John McCallister

Alex. Colvin. (Seal)

At New Hanover, January Court 1776.

The within Will was exhibited to the Court and proved on
the oaths of Duncan McCallister, a subscribing witness, who swore
he saw the Testator, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to
be and contain his last Will and Testament, and that he app-
eared to this deponent at the time thereof to be of sound and
disposing mind and memory, and that John McCallister signed
with him as a concurring evidence thereto.

John London. C. C.